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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged in the West and Midwest, but sharply lower in the East when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was unsettled with trader cautious and watching further market developments. Retail demand was irregular and ranged from seasonally light in the East, to fairly brisk in the Midwest due in part to the winter storm. Fast food movement was seasonal but in a full range of light to good. Movement also improved in resort areas. Even though, demand had improved offerings were still adequate to ample and attractively priced to help clear. In the parts structure, trading was good on wings with improvement noted on breast. Balance of items were sufficient for trade needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/11-12/16/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-48.00	47.93	14	53.42	26
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.69	43	53.76	78
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	60.97	31
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.04	14
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	63.94	25
Detroit	49.00-52.00	51.67	15	56.35	47
Los Angeles	66.00	65.09	55	61.19	113
New York	47.00-49.00	47.96	25	54.19	58
Philadelphia	46.00-48.00	46.86	7	50.02	22
Pittsburgh	47.00-49.00	48.15	13	54.64	58
St. Louis	50.25-50.50	49.71	19	53.22	41
San Francisco	66.50	65.84	29	66.88	63

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

LOADS	12/11/00	Change/Last Wk	12/04/00	12/13/99
576	57.44	-0.77	58.21	58.11

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-59.00	58.31	39
Central	54.00-59.00	56.74	58
West	49.00-61.00	57.01	52

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	60.34	80
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,144	45.00-62.75	60.26

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	123.00	4,918
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.00	1,555
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.00	795
LEG QUARTERS	26.00	9,435
WINGS	82.00	3,092

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were readily available and usually received seasonally limited dealer interest. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate as increasing interest began to move product into a

better balance, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight. Wings remained well cleared, and the balance of parts were more than sufficient.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best for fast food and ad activity. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, breast items were in better balance than a week earlier. Other items were at least adequate to fully adequate and competitively priced to stimulate interest. Wings remained in close balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading on regular commitments were at generally unchanged prices with new negotiations at mainly lower prices. Offerings easily adequate. Buyers interest was fair. Demand by stores was good where features planned elsewhere just fair, restaurants and fast food fairly good overall. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading on parts: leg quarters bulk 23-26, bagged 4/10s 24.5-25.5, bone-in breasts 64-73, boneless breasts 100-113, wings 85 and whole legs 44. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 3.01 to 50.91 with the volume reported down 5 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were slightly lower into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere and TFEWR into Ohio from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings on whole fryers limited, Wogs ample. Movement into retail accounts slow to fair at best with fairly good demand noted in the Chicago area as a winter storm moves into the upper Midwest. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to ample, sizes desirable. Parts trading was generally slow overall for the light offerings. Trade sentiment was steady on wings and barely steady on all other items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate at best. Seller offerings remained readily available and generally slow to clear. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules continued to be curtailed at some plants and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 48 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, inquiry again centered on limited supplies of bone-in breasts. Other cuts, particularly boneless skinless breast and wings were adequate and in closer balance compared to last week.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	42-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.77
NO. OF BOXES	12,632
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	



**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assessed needs and purchased accordingly. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate to well balanced, and bone-in breasts were no more than adequate to tight at times. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings continued to see active interest keeping product closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items and wings, about steady on the balance. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	117.87	642,040
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.80	151,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	63.63	324,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	60.24	183,200
LEGS	33-34	35.67	304,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	22.24	518,001
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	35.13	197,440
THIGHS	30-31	32.44	191,330
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.40	51,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	86.65	359,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	99,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.69	90,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.67	133,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,960	94.00-171.00	98-100	101.86
TENDERLOINS	85	176.00-241.00	-	191.93
BREAST - WITH RIBS	198	58.00-83.00	58	64.49
FRONT HALVES	280	46.00-67.00	46-53	50.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	686	17.00-23.00	19	19.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,024	20.00-24.00	21	20.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	49	56.00-77.00	77	75.95
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,212	23.00-40.00	22-24	23.61

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/11	12/07	12/07	12/04	11/30
ALA	3,901	3,854	5.00	3,846	5.08
ARK	5,338	5,142	4.88	5,162	4.87
DELMARVA	2,193	2,294	4.92	2,335	4.91
KY-LA-TN	2,024	1,993	4.51	2,032	4.55
MISS	2,820	2,805	5.07	2,858	5.05
NC	2,679	2,647	5.79	1,905	5.91
TEXAS	2,327	2,300	4.88	2,060	4.77
TOTAL	21,282	21,035	5.01	20,198	5.03
MON	21,282(A)			20,198(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Dec 2000 is estimated to be 31,840,000 up 5.05 percent from a week ago and up 6.91 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,309,000, last year 29,781,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	951	100.00-195.00	120-135	139.97
TENDERLOINS	79	135.00-205.00	135-140	152.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	64.00-67.00	-	64.66
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES			
LEGS	86	29.00-45.00	29-30	30.12
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	17.00-25.00	18.5-19	19.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,010	21.00-28.00	22-28	23.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	385	78.00-107.00	82-87	87.24
WINGS (CUT)	516	92.00-107.00	92-93	95.93
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES			
B/S THIGHS	92	80.00-85.00	-	82.28

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 11, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.00 - 39.00	36.15	37.03

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11-DEC-2000 TO 16-DEC-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	102-120	105-110
BREAST - LINE RUN	57-72	59-63
LEGS	31-42	31-36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-27	21-22
DRUMSTICKS	32-41	32
THIGHS	26-34	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-83	77-80
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12-17	-
LIVERS	27.5-46	30-35
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-45	40

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166



**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-DEC-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE 20.00-21.00 - - -

WTD AVERAGE 20.07

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS

RANGE 16.25-18.50 19.00 17.00 -

WTD AVERAGE 16.94 19.00 17.00

465,000 pounds, this includes 100,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 16.00-22.00 20.00 12.00-14.00 13.00-16.00

WTD AVERAGE 18.30 20.00 12.96 14.50

2,305,000 pounds, this includes 984,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - 13.50

WTD AVERAGE 13.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was good for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were good. Schedules were increased. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.5-9 CENTS/LB.	5-7	5.90

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 08-DEC-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB DELIVERED	FOB DELIVERED	
CONTENT	DOCK	DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 16.00-20.00 19.00-22.00 10.50-12.50 12.50-14.50

WTD AVERAGE 18.83 21.53 11.23 13.50

1,914,400 pounds, this includes 1,180,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offering. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The market tone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8.5	4-7.75	5.81

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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